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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349, filed January 30, 2002, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120. The following documents are noted for being cited by the Examiner during the examination of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,342:

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5,984,679 (Farzin-Nia et al.) - Issued: November 16, 1999
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349 derived from International Application No. PCT/FR00/02162, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued during the international phase of International Application No. PCT/FR00/02162, and were cited by applicant during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349:

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A "Notice of Acceptance" issued in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349, on April 16, 2002, indicated that copies of the foregoing documents had been received by the U.S. Patent Office. A concise explanation of the relevance of each (non-English language) document may be had with reference to the International Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR00/02162.

The following documents were additionally submitted for consideration during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349:

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A copy of each of these documents was enclosed with the Information Disclosure Statement which submitted them for consideration during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,349. A concise explanation of the relevance of each (non-English language) document may be had with reference to the background discussion of applicant's specification.

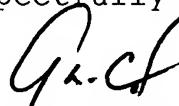
Because the earlier application No. 10/049,349 has been properly identified in this Information Disclosure Statement, and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120, and because the Information Disclosure Statement submitted

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Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested. It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

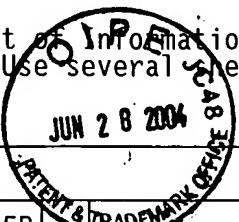

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